IV. *Part of a Letter from Mr* Samuel Brady, *to Dr* William Cockburn, *F. R. S. giving an Account of a Puppy in the Womb that receiv'd no Nouriſhment by the Mouth.*

IN the Converſation we had about the Nouriſhment of the *Fœtus* in the Womb, wherein we ſeemed to agree it was perform'd by the Umbilical Veſſels only, without the aſſiſtance of the Mouth, I mention'd a Puppy at its full growth, which had never receiv'd any Nouriſhment this latter way. It was whelp'd *November* 1704. had no appearance of a Mouth at all, liv'd ſome time after it was parted from its Dam; pulling the Skin off its Head, it had not the leaſt paſſage through it: The Head was one ſolid Bone, without Sutures, ſomewhat Round, as a Mans Skull, with a little prominence in the fore-part, reſembling the *Os Naſi* of a Man, but without any paſſage: It had no place for Eyes, nor *Meatus* for Ears, only the Outward Reſemblance of one on each ſide, unpenetrated and plac'd lower than naturally. No Jaw-bone, nor Conveyance to the top of the *Larynx* and *Pharynx*, but thence downward natural. I ſend you its Skin, ſtuff'd careleſsly for my own private ſatisfaction; for which you may ſee it was only deſign'd, by the little care taken in its preſervation from the Mice, and the loſs of the Bones: However, enough of it remains to mew that it receiv'd no Nouriſhment by the Mouth.